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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: SHIBAUCHI et al. Conf: 3850

Serial No.: 09/675,671 Art Unit: 1761

Filed: September 29, 2000 Examiner: L. Tran

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING LAMINATED CHEESE AND A
DEVICE THEREOF AND LAMINATED CHEESE FOOD
THEREBY PRODUCED

L E T T E R

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 29, 2003

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time for four (4) month(s) to December 29, 2003 for filing an Appeal Brief in response to the Advisory Action mailed November 19, 2003 (Paper No. 1103) in connection with the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$1,480.00 for an extension of four (4) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required. A check in the amount of \$1,480.00 is attached.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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